



“Building an Army”

—The structure of a 19th century army—

Education Plan

Overview: To the non-military buff, the organization and terminology used for Civil War armies can be very confusing. The Union and the Confederate Armies had different names depending upon their location. But despite the many names both of the armies were organized in a similar fashion including a structure of corps, divisions, and brigades. But what were these different organizations and how did they all fit in to one huge force?

Grades: 3rd – 8th

Time: 30 minutes

Learning Objectives

1. Students will be able to name the six basic organizational levels of an 19th century army.
2. Students will be able to calculate the numbers of soldiers one would have encountered in a Civil War era army.
3. Students will begin to develop an appreciation for the vast numbers of soldiers that gave the ultimate sacrifice during the Civil War

Educational Standards

From the South Carolina Curriculum and Standards available online at

<http://ed.sc.gov/agency/offices/cso/standards/ss/> &

<http://ed.sc.gov/agency/offices/cso/standards/math/>

Social Studies

3-4.4, 4-6.4 and 8-3.5

Math- Numbers and Operations

3I-A.2 & 7, 3II-A.1, 3III-A, 3III-B.2, 4II-C.1, 4II-D, 5II-A and 7-1.7

Materials

- photocopies
- pencils
- scrap paper for calculations